

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached drawings include changes to Figures 2 and 3 which incorporate correction of clerical errors. These sheets replace the original Figures 2 and 3.

Formal drawings are submitted herewith under separate Letter to the Draftsperson which incorporate these changes. Approval by the Examiner is respectfully requested.

Attachment: Replacement Figures 2 and 3
Annotated Sheets Showing Changes

REMARKS

The Office Action dated October 21, 2004 has been received and reviewed by the applicant. Claims 1-9 are in the application. Claims 1-4 and 6 stand rejected and Claims 5 and 7-9 stand objected to.

Claim 1 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Huliba et al (US 4,811,035).

Claims 2-4, and 6 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Wen et al (US 6,137,501).

Claims 2, 5, and 7 are hereby amended and claims 10-17 are new. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims as amended is requested for the following reasons:

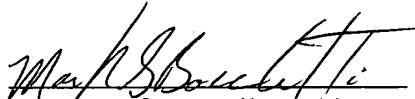
Claim 2 has been amended herein to recite that ink droplets of selectable optical characteristic are prepared in the manifold for continuous delivery of ink droplets from all of the plurality of nozzle openings, all of the ink droplets having the same optical characteristics as the liquid in the manifold. From this it is clear that the present invention is directed to continuous ink jet printing and Wen et al. simply does not teach or suggest a manifold where ink droplets of selectable optical characteristic are prepared for continuous delivery of ink droplets from all of the plurality of nozzle openings such that all of the ink droplets having the same optical characteristics as the liquid in the manifold. Wen et al. clearly cannot perform in such a manner.

Claim 5 had been objected to by the Examiner. Claim 5 has been amended herein to include all of the limitations of original claim 2 and therefore, should be in condition for allowance.

Claim 7 had been objected to by the Examiner. Claim 7 has been amended herein to include all of the limitations of original claim 2 and therefore, should be in condition for allowance.

It is believed that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and favorable action are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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Enclosures: Replacement Figures 2 and 3
Annotated Sheet Showing Changes
Letter to the Draftsperson
Copies of Formal Drawings

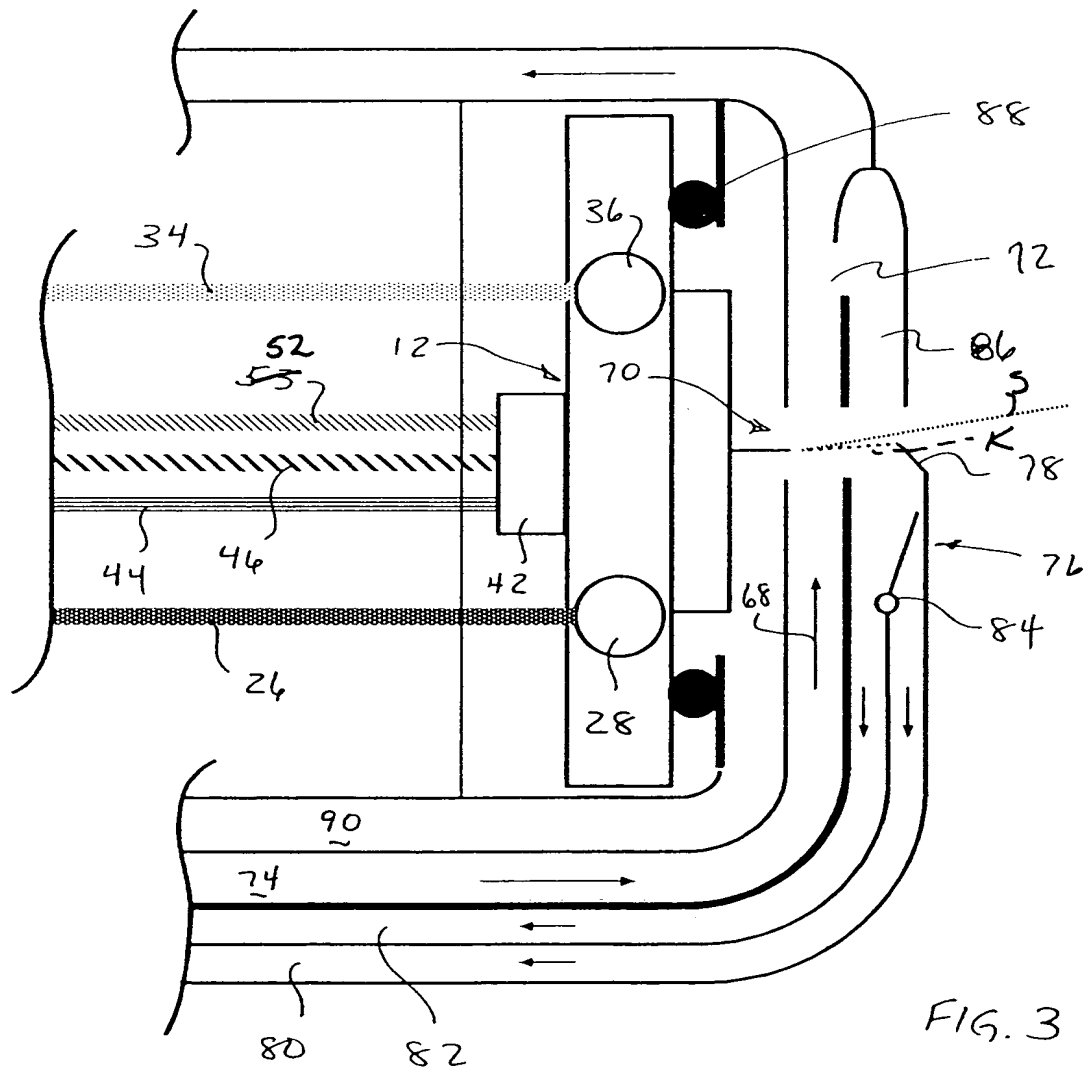


FIG. 3